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Incredible?

By Bertha Gerneaux Woods

BROWN, withered balls so brief a time ago!
Then (yearly miracle of things that grow)
Beneath the frozen earth strange tumult surged
Until these brave, gold crocuses emerged.

"Incredible that God should raise the dead?"
To King Agrippa Paul of Tarsus said—
The question echoed from my crocus bed!

Christ's Advent Footstool

We do not think of our enemies as particularly useful to us, but God can make them so. He can make even the wrath of man to praise him (Psa. 76: 10); and if we are God's children, that which praises him can be our own blessing. We are members of the body of Christ, and God tells us that all that is Christ's is ours. God has made a very wonderful promise to his Son, which we may well remember with thanksgiving at this Easter season commemorating the time when God raised his Son from the dead. After his resurrection the Lord Jesus ascended to Heaven, and David, a thousand years earlier, by inspiration gave this prophecy of the Father's Word to the Son welcoming his return to Heaven: "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool" (Psa. 110:1). Peter quoted this wonderful prophecy on the day of Pentecost, declaring that the Jesus whom the house of Israel had crucified was "both Lord and Christ," and the English rendering of David's Psalm in Acts 2:35 reads: "Until I make thy foes thy footstool." Christ is coming again, and when he comes again his footstool will consist of his foes! But God has promised also that those who have received Christ as Saviour and Lord shall reign with him (2 Tim. 2: 12; Rev. 5:10; 22:5). What an Easter hope God has given in Christ's promised footstool: "That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

The Gates of Heaven

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," sang the Psalmist (Psa. 116:15). The gates of Heaven must swing wide open to receive the spirits of all who have been redeemed by the blood of God's Son. A Christian mother, one of the TIMES Family, writes in a letter of fellowship and appreciation to the staff: "On Wednesday, January 12, my husband and I kept vigil in one of the best children's hospitals in our country. Our baby, two and a half years old, was passing through the gates that open only one way. Everything that man knows to do to ease her pain was done. In this day a doctor who believes in God and testifies is another reason for thankfulness. . . . We really do say 'The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord,'" And this sorrowing but praising mother encloses a gift for the work of another Christian physician, Dr. William H. Chisholm, in his hospital and soul-winning ministry in Korea. The mother adds: "I'd like to have it entered as a contribution in the name of June Faith Haley, so that some day another little soul can be helped through her, and her life will not have been in vain." God will bless this gift and this testimony. But there is a wonderful message of comfort for this bereaved and trusting father and mother which perhaps they have not thought of. It is this: the gates of Heaven open, not only one way, but both ways—in and out! And they may open out, for the reunion of little June Faith and her father and mother, without the parents ever tasting of death! "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. . . . For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:14-18).

The Last Enemy

DOWN through the ages man has regarded death as an enemy to be feared and shunned. Yet he knows that, however successful he has been in avoiding other enemies, he may not escape facing death, which the apostle Paul describes as "the last enemy." Dr. Johnson said he "never had a moment in which death was not terrible to him." His friend Boswell said, "His constitutional melancholy makes the King of Terrors more frightful." In the "Life and Letters of John Galsworthy" a tragic picture is given of that great novelist shrinking from his conflict with the last enemy. When eventually he was persuaded to undergo a medical examination he sat in his car "grim and silent" as though going "straight to his execution." When conscious that his meeting with death was inevitable he "felt an awful loneliness and was full of despair." Because death is so wrapped in mystery we find that man is reluctant to face it. "Yet," as Browning reminds us, "the strong man must go" where stands "the Arch Fear in a visible form."

But since the incarnation, death, and resurrection of our Lord the face of death has been changed. Our Saviour voluntarily surrendered himself to the last enemy and tasted "death for every man" that he might destroy him who had the power of death and "deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:15). By his sacrificial death our Lord atoned for man's sin and made it possible for him to find pardon and peace with God.

This is the glad triumphant message of the Gospel. We are assured that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3). Through his atoning sacrifice "the sting of death," that which makes it so fearful, has been removed. Sin is the thing that gives

death its sting. It is man's unconfessed and unpardoned sin that fills his soul with fear as death approaches. In life he may successfully repress his consciousness of sin, guilt, and fear, but these come to the surface and harass the mind when the hour draws near for him to pass from time into eternity.

Because Christ has made forgiveness and reconciliation with God possible through his sacrifice on Calvary's cross, death has been robbed of its terror for those who by faith are resting in his finished work for salvation. They can face death smiling and unafraid and "greet the unseen with a cheer." Tens of thousands have so triumphed over death that they have regarded him as a friend rather than an enemy. Thus the early martyrs went to the stake or faced the lions with a smile on their faces and a song of praise on their lips, for they could shout with triumphant joy: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55, 57).

If our Lord had not risen from the dead the victory would have remained with him who has "the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14). When the enemies of Christ nailed him to the cross and sealed the tomb wherein his body was laid they were confident they had ended his career. But before our Lord submitted to that cruel and shameful death he was already sure of his victory over the last enemy. "Destroy this temple," he said, "and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). True to his affirmation, the Victor rose triumphant over death and the grave.

"Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise:
Christ hath opened Paradise."

This is the glad and glorious message the Christian Church proclaims to those held in the bondage of fear. Death has met and found its master in Christ. By his victory over death and the grave he delivered such a deadly blow to man's last foe that his days are numbered. Though death still claims its victims every passing moment, the final victory remains with Christ. In the Book of Revelation death is seen as being "cast into the lake of fire," its power to destroy being ended for ever. With the final overthrow of death there will be no more sorrow in the new Jerusalem which is from above, for "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4).

Because Christ has already vanquished death we have the assurance of our own triumph. "Because I live," said Christ, "ye shall live also" (John 14:19), and, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:26). The Christian, being already a possessor of eternal life, has therefore that within him which death cannot destroy. This life is more than the breath of the body, for it lives on when the body ceases to breathe. The dying saint longs for release, for Heaven, not the grave, is his goal. We have been "begotten . . . unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled" (1 Pet. 1:3, 4). Those whose hope is in Christ can say with Robert Browning, "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be." An aged saint said recently, "One doesn't mind passing milestones when he knows he is going home."

Some years ago while a man was working on the dome of the Old Bailey, London, he lost his hold and fell. His fall was broken by a police sergeant who was walking along the pavement below. Miraculously the workman escaped with a slight injury, but the

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NOTES ON OPEN LETTERS

How Did Lazarus "Come Forth"?

In studying the raising of Lazarus I find (even in THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES) an error that I have criticized often.

Fifteen or sixteen years ago the teacher of a class of men said, "And Lazarus came walking out." The last time we studied this same incident Dr. Pace (in the TIMES of Feb. 13, 1932) had a cartoon representing Lazarus ascending the steps out of his tomb, feet and hands free and the napkin thrown back from his face. And now (in the TIMES of Feb. 6, 1937) the "Little Jetts" shows Lazarus walking out.

I wonder why it happens that I never yet have heard any teacher, preacher, or cartoonist say or show what the only record of the event that we have tells. Lazarus "came forth, bound hand and foot with the graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin." He did not come in his own strength nor did he guide his way by the sight of his own eyes.—*A Pennsylvania reader.*

Was there, then, a double miracle when the Lord raised Lazarus from the dead? Restoring Lazarus' spirit to his dead body and giving physical life and health to that body was indeed a stupendous miracle, a foretaste of that time to come "when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live" (John 5:25). But was there also another miracle, immediately following the restoring of life and the human spirit to the dead body, this second miracle bringing the living Lazarus, "bound hand and foot with graveclothes," out from the cave where he lay? The Pennsylvania reader believes that such a second miracle occurred; lesson writers in THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES have held a different view. President McQuilkin, in the TIMES of February 13, 1932, commented on John 11:44, "And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes": "How majestic is the simplicity of the narrative! The clothes were not bound so tightly as to prevent walking."

One finds the two opposite views expressed in various of the best commentaries, with a number of reliable writers taking the position held by THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES writers, while the Pennsylvania reader will find also some support for his view.

Meyer's "Critical and Exegetical Hand-Book to The Gospel of John" holds that there was not a second miracle, yet he recognizes that a number of ancient writers contended for two miracles. "By Basil, Chrysostom, Euth. Zigabenus, Augustine, Ruperti, Aretius, Lightfoot, Lampe, and several others, this is regarded as a *new miracle.*" But, says Meyer, this position is "an arbitrary disfiguration of the fact to the point of introducing apocryphal elements." He continues: "The winding-sheet in which the corpse was wound from head to foot (Matt. 26:59), thus embracing the entire body, might, especially as it had to hold no spices (ver. 39), be slack and loose enough to render it possible, after it had been loosened by his movements, for the awakened man to come forth."

The volume on John's Gospel in the valuable "Handy Commentary" edited by Bishop Ellicott comments on verse 44, "And he that was dead came forth": "'Wonder at a wonder within a wonder!' is Basil's comment on these words; and many of the older expositors regard the power to move, when bound hand and foot, as itself a miracle. But this seems not to be necessary, and if not necessary, is not to be resorted to. The graveclothes may have been bound round the limbs separately, as in the Egyptian mummies, and this would not prevent motion; or (and this is more probable) the body may have been wrapped 'in a linen cloth,' which encompassed the whole except the head, but still left motion possible."

Matthew Henry seems to recognize the possibility of both a second miracle and natural action, as he says of Lazarus: "He was so thoroughly revived that he got up out of his grave as strongly as ever he got up out of his bed . . . with this additional miracle, as some reckon it, that he came out of his grave, though he was fettered with his graveclothes, . . . and that he was not only alive, but strong, and able to walk, after a sort, even in his graveclothes."

The volume on John in "The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges," edited by Dr. Plummer, takes the position: "It is safest not to regard this as an additional miracle. The winding-sheet may have been loosely tied on him, or each limb may have been swathed separately: in Egyptian mummies sometimes every finger is kept distinct."

Dr. A. C. Gaebelein's "Annotated Bible" makes the comment: "All eyes were looking toward the dark entrance of the cave, when lo! the dead man was seen struggling forward, bound by the graveclothes."

Evidently the question is not one on which any dogmatic or final statement can safely be made. When the Bible does not settle certain questions for us, we may safely leave them with its Author.

"Make It as Sure as Ye Can!"

The final attempt to seal the grave over the One whom death could not hold

By H. A. Ironside, Litt.D.

THERE seems to be something grimly sardonic in Pilate's curt reply to the nervous chief priests and Pharisees when they requested a special guard for the sealed tomb lest the disciples of Jesus come by night and steal his body away (Matt. 27:62, 63). He replied tersely: "Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can" (v. 65). It is scarcely probable that the cynical Roman Governor feared that, after all, they were striving against omnipotence. It was more likely on his part an ill-concealed effort to avoid showing his contempt for their querulous fears lest at last their plans be overthrown by an absurd effort of the poor, timid disciples of Jesus to make people believe that their Master had overcome the last enemy,—death.

But Pilate's words are most suggestive. They *did* make it as sure as they could,—only to find that all their precautions were in vain. The empty tomb on that first Easter morning, the terrified soldiers of the guard, the angelic visitors, the amazed, rejoicing women, and the surprised and awed disciples, all told the story of the impossibility that Christ should be holden of death.

"Many Infallible Proofs"

His many visible appearances to so large a number of reputable witnesses, the fact that his dead body could never be located anywhere, the manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power, and the confident assurance and new bravery of his apostles, together with the way God set his seal upon their ministry in miracles of healing and the salvation of thousands, all alike proved that Jesus had vanquished death and come forth from Joseph's new rock-hewn tomb to die no more. That tomb is still empty and ever shall be. The body that once lay in that inner crypt, enswathed in the linen cloths, came out of its cerements like a butterfly leaving the chrysalis shell, when God's appointed hour had struck (John 20:4-8).

It was not simply the survival of the spirit after the death of the body, for, although that might prove immortality, it would not be resurrection. What Scripture plainly declares is that *the body that hung on the cross is the body that was raised from the grave.* It still bore the print of the nails and the wound in the side (John 20:27). Long years afterward, John the beloved saw in the midst of the throne "a Lamb as it had been slain." The marks of his passion will be upon his body forever (Rev. 5:6).

Thy wounds, Thy wounds, Lord Jesus,
Those deep, dark wounds, they tell
The sacrifice that frees us
From sin and death and hell.

They bound Thee once forever
To all who own Thy grace.
No power those bonds shall sever,
No time those scars efface.

The dawn of a spring morning is filled with beauty. The grip of winter has been broken, and the heat of summer has not yet settled over the land. The birds are in full song, after the silence of the winter, and the flowers fill the air with the delicate fragrance of new blossoms. The stillness is refreshing, for those who disturb the early hours of the night are sunk in heavy sleep, and those who rise early are not yet abroad. Though the day may bring a breeze, it stirs lightly at daybreak. And the blades of grass and the new green leaves on the trees are spangled with dew glistening in the light of the morning.

Perhaps through familiarity we have lost some of the wonder of this miracle of a new day. But if God in his mercy still lavishes such gifts upon men, how transcendent must have been the beauty of that first Easter morning, and how great the joy of the disciples when they learned that the Tomb in the Garden was empty!

And he has said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." He is "the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20). His literal bodily resurrection is the pledge that eventually "all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth" (John 5:28, 29), some to life eternal and others, alas, to everlasting woe.

It is true that a great change had come over his body in resurrection. He could enter a room when all doors were locked. He could appear and disappear at will. And so we are told in regard to ourselves: that which is sown in burial is not the body that shall be (1 Cor. 15:36-38). Nevertheless, there is positive identity. "*It* is sown . . . *it* is raised" (1 Cor. 15:43, 44). *The body that died will live again,* but under altogether new and wonderful conditions.

Our Bodies Will Be Raised

Only thus can we obtain the redemption of the body (Rom. 8:23), which is included in that great salvation which our Lord purchased for us on the cross. When he returns he will transform these bodies of our humiliation into the likeness of the body of his glory (Phil. 3:20, 21). Then this mortal (the living believers) shall put on immortality, and this corruptible (the dead in Christ) shall put on incorruption (1 Cor. 15:53, 54), and so we shall be forever with and like our Lord, save that he only will always bear the marks of his passion, upon which we shall ever feast our adoring eyes as we exclaim, "The Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Those scars will be like the pierced ear of the Hebrew bondservant, who for love of his wife and children would not go out free, but chose rather to live in perpetual servitude than to be separated from those so dear to him. One can imagine how fondly the wife and children would gaze upon that marred earlobe. What a story it would tell them of an abiding affection that made it impossible for their beloved one to contemplate liberty apart from them (Exod. 21:1-6).

If one may speak for another, I would say that no one really loves and appreciates the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:5, 6), until the soul realizes that, having once become incarnate, having linked our humanity with his eternal deity, he abides a man for eternity. He did not lay aside humanity when he triumphed over death. In his resurrection body now ascended to Heaven he sits enthroned at the right hand of the Majesty on high. "Behold, I see . . . the Son of man," exclaimed the dying Stephen, "standing on the right hand of God." It was as though the Lord Jesus arose to receive his martyr servant, who was so soon to be with him in that scene of bliss (Acts 7:56). In Christ risen and seated on the throne, *humanity is glorified.* He will be "this same Jesus" through all the ages to come, the object of our ceaseless love and worship (Acts 1:11; Heb. 13:8).

The Man at God's Right Hand

He is there as our great resurrection-priest, but is the very same One who was tempted in all points even as we are, apart from sin, and lives now to succor us in every hour of trial.

In every pang that rends the heart
The Man of sorrows had a part.

And, though now far beyond the reach of Satan's malignity or wicked man's malevolence, he enters sympathetically into all that his suffering saints are called upon to endure.

When at last he returns in glory to raise the dead and change the living believers, it will be the Man Christ Jesus whom we shall meet in the air as we are caught up in glorified bodies like his own (1 Thess. 4:13-17).

And when, at the close of time, the finally impenitent are summoned to his judgment bar, they will rise in physical bodies and will behold upon the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11) the Man whom they refused to receive as Saviour or own as Lord and King. "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22) in order that willful men who refused his grace may answer to an understanding Man for all the evils of their lives.

Think of facing *that* Man with a record of sin and folly to account for, which

all might have been put away forever, had the sinner but bowed in repentance at his feet! The God who will judge in that day is the Christ who died to cleanse us from all our guilt and to make us fit for his presence. His resurrection is the proof of this very fact, as Paul declared to the motley Athenian group on Mars' Hill (Acts 17:31).

Apart from his bodily resurrection we could have no proof that God had accepted his propitiatory work and that the way into the holiest was now opened up for all who would draw nigh, trusting his precious blood as the only ground of redemption. In that great resurrection chapter, 1 Corinthians 15, the inspired writer insists on the absolute necessity of Christ's rising again in order that there might be validity to his death as an atonement for sin. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

It is useless to laud Jesus as a teacher while denying his bodily resurrection. He himself predicted it. He declared that he must be rejected and go into death and rise from the dead the third day. His disciples could not understand it at the time, but that empty tomb and the subsequent appearance of their Lord in his resurrection body made all clear. Then they remembered his words. And after his ascension to Heaven in that same body, and the descent of the Holy Spirit, they went everywhere declaring his resurrection from the dead. Apart from this they would have had no Gospel to preach, and apart from this there is no message for sin-laden, condemned humanity today. The proclamation that has brought life and blessing to untold millions through all the Christian centuries is that embodied in Romans 10:9, 10: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Believe what? Confess what? That he who died for our sins has been raised again for our justification and now sits enthroned at God's right hand in his literal, glorified body, exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour. This is the basis of all Gospel testimony and the only sure foundation upon which our salvation rests.

He has said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." We rest upon his Word and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

CHICAGO.

Resurrection Hope in Song and Life

Stories of familiar Easter hymns and their writers

By William J. Hart, D.D.

THE Easter morning was radiantly bright. Twelve hundred people packed a city church and joined the choir as they sang the joyful Easter hymns. Courage and hope were brought to many hearts by the glorious messages of song. Triumphantly the voices rang out the words:

> Christ the Lord is risen today.

The assurance of life was expressed in the lines:

> Lives again our glorious King:
> Where, O death, is now thy sting?

April sunshine coming through the stained glass windows illuminated the faces of the worshipers as they reached the stirring climax of the hymn:

> Made like Him, like Him, we rise,
> Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
> Alleluia!

When opportunity came a man went to his minister and said: "I hoped you would select that hymn for the service this morning. I wanted to hear this Easter, above everything else, those stirring words of Wesley:

> Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

The minister fully understood. He knew that since the previous Easter the speaker had stood twice beside an open grave,—first in the sunshine of July and again amid the snow of January,—and had seen the caskets containing two members of his small family laid in the earth. But the Easter hymn, with its assurance of Christ's victory over death, brought a healing message of comfort.

This hymn from the pen of the songful Charles Wesley, W. T. Stead tells us, "has long been accepted as the best English Easter hymn."[1] And Covert and Laufer[2] affirm that "it is one of the most popular and widely used of all the hymns which were composed by Wesley." McCutchan[3] observes that "the use of 'Alleluia' after each line is in keeping with an early Christian custom." He also adds: "'Hallelujah!' was the usual salutation on Easter morning." The following comment is made by him in a footnote: "Hallelujah: praise the Lord. 'Alleluia' is the Greek form of the Hebrew word. Its use in liturgies and offices is common from the earliest times."

An ancient scholar and poet has given us an Easter hymn of unfailing popularity. Christians rejoicingly sing:

> The day of resurrection,
> Earth tell it out abroad.

Joyful assurance is expressed in the closing lines:

> Let all things seen and unseen
> Their notes in gladness bend,
> For Christ the Lord hath risen,
> Our joy that hath no end.

From a distant day comes this hymn. Its author, John of Damascus, "was born about A. D. 700 and rose to a position of great prominence in the Church." (Covert and Laufer.) Relatively little, however, is known of his life. But we learn that "he was born of a good family at Damascus, and was a thorough student of philosophy."

Great is our indebtedness to the Rev. John Mason Neale, the translator of the hymn. Born in London, January 24, 1818, Dr. Neale was educated in Cambridge University. "He was deeply interested in the hymns of the Latin and Greek Churches, which he translated with brilliant success." Dr. Charles S. Robinson[1] remarks concerning Dr. Neale: "He had an especial admiration for this part of the ancient canon for the resurrection morning, . . . to which he has furnished an English dress."

Another song of resurrection comes from John of Damascus, and this also has been translated by Dr. Neale:

> Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
> Of triumphant gladness:
> God hath brought His people forth
> Into joy from sadness.

The suggestion of the springtime of souls is very lovely:

> 'Tis the spring of souls today:
> Christ hath burst His prison,
> From the frost and gloom of death
> Light and life have risen.

A popular Easter song for sunrise services is that written by the Rev. Robert Lowry, D.D. (1826-1899), a Baptist minister, who was also, for six years, a professor in Bucknell University. He is the author of both the words and the music of that hymn which the united Methodism of England has included in its Hymn Book of 1933:

> Low in the grave He lay—
> Jesus, my Saviour!
> Waiting the coming day—
> Jesus, my Lord!

Never can the writer forget Brooklyn's Easter Dawn Service at Prospect Park in 1930.[2] Ten thousand people, newspapers said, were present. The Salvation Army band led the great company as they triumphantly sang the chorus with its ring of certainty:

> Up from the grave He arose,
> With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
> He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
> And He lives forever with His saints to reign:
> He arose! He arose!
> Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Hearts were stirred and responsive as they heard the great affirmation in song, "He arose!" and, in the chilly morning air, men reverently lifted their hats.

The Easter message is twofold: First, it tells us that our Lord is risen from the dead; and then it assures us that those who believe in Christ shall also arise and live with him eternally. Paul said in the most positive manner: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . . For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:20, 22). Therefore, in addition to the hymns placed in the section on Easter in our various hymnals, we also have hymns grouped under the heading of Eternal Life. Hence the writer is making a selection from a large group of

[1] From "Hymns That Have Helped."
[2] "Handbook to the Hymnal" (Presbyterian), 1935.
[3] "Our Hymnody," 1937.

[1] "Annotations Upon Popular Hymns," 1893.
[2] "Hymns in Human Experience" (Hart).

stories which he has collected, showing how the assurance of the future life, as expressed by hymn writers, has enabled men and women to express their faith and hope.

Eight students of Harvard University, most of whom were members of the crew, bore the body of Bishop Phillips Brooks upon their shoulders when America's Greatheart was taken into Trinity Church, Boston, for the funeral services. City stores were closed. The church was packed for the occasion. Copley Square was densely crowded with people. Bishop William Lawrence, in "Memories of a Happy Life" has described the scene as the procession moved from Trinity Church: "Facing the body lifted high on a platform, the whole multitude sang:

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."

Thus did the great hymn of Isaac Watts, which is often heard in Westminster Abbey on significant occasions, voice the emotions of the people of Boston when their beloved Bishop Brooks had gone to his coronation.

A story sometimes related in the family of Carl F. Price, a writer on hymnology, has been preserved for us in one of his books. This incident referred to Great-Grandfather Miller, whose saintly life was crowned with a triumphant death. His dying request to his sorrowing family, as they surrounded him, was that they might sing his favorite hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood." So great, however, was their grief that when they reached the end of the fourth verse,

Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die,

they could sing no more. Great-Grandfather Miller, then, with the little strength he had left, sang the last verse alone:

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

"And with these words his body fell back, while his soul took up the nobler, sweeter song."

Representatives from countries all over the world attended the funeral of Queen Alexandria in Westminster Abbey, following her death in 1925. When the last rites were held at Windsor her royal son, King George V, requested that his mother's favorite hymn should be sung. So they sang:

Abide with me! fast falls the eventide.
. . . . .
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

King George, who was perfectly familiar with the words, sang them clearly. In fact, Richard C. Dent says that "the King almost seemed to lead the singing in this hymn, which more than anything else seemed to remind him of his mother."

Timothy Edwards was born in England, and in his young manhood came to the United States. He was a student both of law and theology, and was admitted to the bar. As a Methodist minister he did pioneer work in several towns in Northern Michigan. April 1, 1934, he was one hundred years old, and on that morning he preached in Washington, Mich., and the church was packed for the occasion. At that happy springtide season the centenarian was thinking of eternal life unaccompanied by growing infirmities. The Associated Press, reporting the service, related that the veteran preacher paused in the midst of his sermon and sang one of his favorite hymns:

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.

The singing centenarian continued with enthusiasm:

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright.

That Easter morning the man who had seen a century of earthly life was singing of the "life that shall endless be."

"Every Sunday is Easter day," the renowned Dr. Joseph Parker once said. And so he often had his congregation sing an Easter hymn at the Sunday morning service. Why should not the Easter hope sing itself throughout the year?

LACONA, N. Y.

A Revival in a Great Industrial Plant

A miracle of grace among men who build "mountain movers" and steel houses

By Ralph Snively Assistant to the President and Director of Personnel, R. G. LeTourneau, Inc.

IT HAS all come upon us so quietly and unexpectedly that we hardly realize what is going on in our midst. Some three weeks ago it was passed around that the Shop Superintendent had accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. I heard one man telling it to another, and as a look of astonishment swept over him he said, "What! you mean so and so did that? I can't believe it." The next day the news was flashed from man to man that the Night Superintendent had done the same, and no less was the surprise. Man after man picked up the torch and bore it on to some hungry, waiting soul. Big, strong men, who were never known to shed a tear, wept their way through to God and then went out courageously to tell the men alongside of them what had happened. One foreman, with his face all aglow, brought to my office several men in one afternoon who were working under him and who were each ready to cross that very definite borderline between death and eternal life. It was as though Heaven itself had reached down and touched the earth at a spot where some eight or ten hundred men were engaged in building great steel earth-moving machines, and in a city known the world round for its breweries and its distilleries.

Yet, as in days of old and always, God uses a human instrument to carry out his program. Years ago when Mr. Le Tourneau was engaged in building the mountain highway from Boulder City to the great Hoover Dam, a big, broad-shouldered, warm-hearted ex-railroad man mingled with the men and ministered to their spiritual needs. Last fall this same man, the Rev. Marion H. Reynolds of Los Angeles, was passing through Peoria and stopped over a few days to conduct noonday shop meetings. Many of the men who worked for Mr. Le Tourneau on the Boulder Dam highway are still in his employ and are well known to Mr. Reynolds. This servant of God was so warmly received by the men of the shop that he was invited by Mr. Le Tourneau to return during the month of January and remain several weeks ministering to the men as he might feel led of God.

Before Mr. Reynolds left last fall, he called together a little group of shop men who were interested in winning souls, and organized a Fisherman's Club, with plans for the club to hold weekly meetings and arouse interest in winning men for Christ.

Early in January Mr. Reynolds returned and began holding a shop meeting each noon hour as well as each midnight hour and a class of instruction in personal work each evening. He brought with him a goodly supply of "Daddy" Horton's little red Gospel of John, and gave one to each man. In the most simple yet forceful language he spread before us good wholesome food out of God's storehouse. With the keenest of interest, several hundred men turned from page to page and verse to verse as Mr. Reynolds directed the study and broke to us the bread of life. Attendance of the men, as is always our custom at shop meetings, was purely optional, yet with each passing day the attendance and the interest increased.

In our factory we build steel houses as well as "mountain movers," and our guest was domiciled in a nicely furnished steel house within a stone's throw of the plant. At the close of each meeting he simply invited any man who had a burdened heart to come to the steel house and talk with him about it. Within a day or two we were conscious of the fact that the Spirit of God was working in a mighty way. A veritable path was being worn to the little house already grown sacred because of battles fought and won within its walls. At times several would be waiting their turn in the outer room. No urging, no coercion, no compelling — just the simple story of the cross applied to the heart by the Spirit of God in mighty power, followed by an eagerness to go tell the man working by his side, that

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A Survey of Religious Life and Thought

Encouragements and warnings from all the world

By Ernest Gordon

THE Evangelical Association of French Baptist Churches is full of spiritual life. Its recent convention in Paris was a joyous occasion. The secretary of the organization is a teacher by profession, M. Marcel Guy, a very able lay preacher; and among the delegates were M. Georges Guyot, a converted banker, now pastor of the church on the Rue de Naples, and an Italian Baptist pastor who was formerly a professional prizefighter. The presiding officer of the Convention, Pastor Du Barry, reported "splendid progress since the last gathering. Thou hast done great things for us whereof we are glad." M. DuBarry concluded his address by emphasizing the need of all applying themselves with one heart and soul to know the mind of God with respect to the church and its growth, the work of the Holy Spirit, Last Things, Satan, and the great end of Christian service.

Chinese Christians Are Showing a Fine Spirit.—The anniversary of the founding of the Republic in 1911 was observed by them on October 10 as a national day of prayer, and, according to *China's Millions*, between seven and eight thousand congregations gathered to pray! "A Western Christian leader tells us how deeply he was impressed by witnessing a gathering of Chinese Christians in one church in Shanghai, come together to invoke God's help for the nation in the present crisis. On a depressingly wet day he found the large church three-quarters filled for a two-hour prayer meeting. We have learned of daily gatherings for prayer being held in Chefoo by from two to four hundred Chinese Christians. While there was fervent prayer for the nation's deliverance not a single bitter or vindictive word was heard."

Mention is also made of a large and representative meeting of Japanese Christians where the question was raised as to whether prayer should be made for military victory. The decision was to pray not for victory but instead for a settlement between the two nations.

The new High Commissioner for Palestine is Sir Harold A. MacMichael, a competent and experienced man. His name has led the Jews to quote from the twelfth chapter of Daniel: "At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: . . . and at that time thy people shall be delivered."

The Irish invasion of Scotland is manifesting itself in many ways. Thus at Carfin, close to a Romanist chapel, a spring has been discovered with alleged healing properties, and thousands of Catholic pilgrims from many parts of Scotland are flocking thither. Special trains and fleets of omnibuses bring them thither, mostly on Sunday, turning the place into a center of noisy clamor as of crowds at a fair. This has been followed by traffic in the spring water, people bringing vessels and having them filled.

Walsingham in Norfolk was a similar place of pilgrimage and superstition in medieval times and the representatives of Catholic revival in England are making it again a place of holy resort. Among recent visitors has been a Russian Orthodox Archbishop carrying a holy icon of ancient and historic interest. A correspondent of the *Living Church* writes: "The procession entered the Holy House as the Litany of our Lady was sung. Before the shrine of our Lady of Walsingham the Archbishop performed the rite of the lesser sanctification of water, placing the crucifix in the water and blessing it with holy oil. It is hoped that this Orthodox chapel at the sanctuary will be a great aid in furthering the growing happy relations between the Orthodox and Anglican Churches."

A Sunday School by Correspondence

A Sunday school by post was started four years ago in Australia and has now more than 8,000 boy and girl members, mostly on remote farms and settlements. A monthly periodical is sent free to each with Bible lessons which require study and answers. It is then a Sunday school correspondence course. Over a thousand Bibles were also posted to young people, most of whom had never seen a Bible before. Much of the work at headquarters is done by volunteers. The children live all over Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Guinea, and minor archipelagoes. (Office, 140 Elizabeth St., Sydney, Australia.)

Und Gott Schweigt? ("And Is God Silent?") is a book on Soviet Russia by a German publicist, Edwin Erich Dwinger. The writer has been in Russia and seen frightful things, cruelties which make the blood run cold. He "thought to find there a Paradise and discovered instead a hell." The conclusion he draws ought to interest the Russian atheists, for he seeks to prove from their own actions that there is no God, otherwise such hideous phenomena as those of present-day Russia would not be allowed to go on. He forgets the words, "This is your hour, and the power of darkness" (Luke 22: 53). The great coming change may be even at the door. Over a hundred thousand copies have already been sold of this book just off the press of Diederichs of Jena.

The recent theological statement of the Archbishops' Commission will not help church unity. Such fundamentals as the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection are, to use the college word, "elective." Those who disbelieve have like citizenship in the church with those who believe. But the unscriptural teaching of an historic episcopate with an apostolic succession is "prescribed." As the *London Times* says: "Whether the Virgin Birth is a fact or a myth: whether the Tomb was empty on Easter Day: whether the Gospel miracles should be taken as history or imagery, are among the questions which the Commission found itself unable to answer." "Statements affirming particular facts may be found to have value as pictorial expressions of a spiritual truth, even though the supposed facts themselves did not actually happen," was one of the Commission's "affirmations."

A church whose testimony is so wavering has much to do before it is entitled to lead in a movement for church unity. Nor will one other sentence help: "Some of us" think of a reunion of Christendom under "a Papacy which has renounced some of its present claims."

The City Temple, London, was during the ministry of Joseph Parker much visited by Americans and its near neighbor on Holborn, St. Andrew's Church, is well remembered. *The Life of Faith* gives the good news that the Rev. J. Russell Howden has been called to the St. Andrew's pulpit. Mr. Howden is a trustee of Keswick, a Director of the China Inland Mission, a former lesson writer for THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES, a preacher of fine gifts, and a loyal Evangelical. The old tide of American visitors which once turned in at the City Temple might now well roll to High Holborn again to attend Mr. Howden's teaching. St. Andrew's is one of Christopher Wren's churches, and stands on a spot where there has been a church for a thousand years. In King Alfred's days it was a wayside chapel where travelers going from and returning to London prayed for protection on their journey. It was also the church where Benjamin Disraeli, future Premier of England, was baptized when twelve years old.

What a blind guide the ordinary worldling and *litterateur* is! "All the historical part of the Bible abounds in wild exaggeration of the importance of Palestine. Nothing began there, nothing was worked out there. Solomon's temple was smaller than most barns. It is time we recognized the extreme in-

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significance of the events recorded in Kings and Chronicles. So far as the school time-table goes we are faced with a plain alternative. Great history or hole-and-corner history."

So spoke the novelist H. G. Wells before the British Association. "Nothing began in Palestine?" Is Judaism nothing, the Christian Church nothing? The events in Kings and Chronicles are "insignificant" beside the happenings in the empires of Assyria, Babylon, and Egypt? What have these mighty powers bequeathed us? Not a thing. The "hole-and-corner history" of Palestine is the taproot of all subsequent history. The Temple of Solomon was a little building. So was the cradle of American Independence, Independence Hall. But they both stood for great and mighty history. And God dwelt in the Temple and the Tabernacle as in no other buildings since the world began.

Father Damien.—Or take another case. A United States Government vessel carried last year the remains of Father Damien of the Molokai Leper settlement (Hawaii) back to his native Belgium. It was an unprecedented tribute; also a confirmation of "Unofficial Observer's" statement in "The New Dealers," "The strongest force back of Mr. Roosevelt is the Catholic Church." The leper work of Protestantism far surpasses that of Romanism in extent and importance, but no acknowledgment of it ever came from official Washington and none is wanted. As to Damien himself, one wonders. When a Presbyterian clergyman of Honolulu, Mr. Hyde, made reflections on his character the novelist Robert Louis Stevenson attacked him bitterly. Who was right? Not Stevenson, for he wrote: *"I knew I was writing a libel. I thought he [Hyde] would bring action."* This was perilously near confession of falsehood. (Balfour, "Life of Stevenson," Vol. 2, p. 107.)

Stevenson said that he got his style from the Covenanters. One could wish that he had gone to the same source for more important things.

Later Stevenson drew Damien's portrait in a way calculated to show how determined he was to make a saint out of unsaintly qualities.

"Of old Damien, whose weaknesses *and worse, perhaps,* I heard fully, I think only the more. It (!) was a European peasant, dirty, bigotted, untruthful, unwise, tricky, but superb with generosity. . . . A man with all the grime and paltriness of mankind but a saint and hero *all the more for that.*" (Stevenson's Letters, Vol. 2, p. 188.)

It is not necessary to contract leprosy in helping lepers. I doubt if this ever happened in Protestant leprosaria in spite of the extent of their work. How extensive these are comes out in a notice my eye has just lighted on:

"Dr. McKean of Chiengmai, Siam, reports a very remote trailer far out at the end of a chain of twenty-eight leper clinics. It is a clinic in French Cambodia from which messengers came a twenty-days' journey by foot and launch and bus. They took back medicine to last a year."

Gandhi, and the Mass Movements in India.—Bishop Pickett is a key man in India, authority on mass movements to Christ, and advocate of evangelism in the power of the Spirit. A writer in *The Friends Oriental News* says of him:

"Bishop Pickett rates Mr. Gandhi for just what he is,—Christianity's worst enemy in India. In an interview with Bishop Azariah and Bishop Pickett he has threatened, if the missionaries do not cease making converts both individually and in masses, to appeal to Indian Christians not to let their churches be further 'spoiled' by the admission of outcastes. [This might be more effective than one would suppose since the caste spirit often survives in churches as race prejudices do in American churches.]

"Secondly, when the Congress party comes into power in India, legislation will be passed to prevent mass conversions. This would probably be done, as at present, in some native states. Converts would be required to register. This would give great opportunity for Brahmin fanatics to bring pressure and even persecution upon those turning to Christ."—(Abridged.)

This correspondent further says:

"It must be remembered that many of the brilliant lawyers who lead the Nationalist Movement are graduates of mission colleges but are bitter against Christianity. Won't we be surprised, if worse comes to worst, and we find ourselves, as missionaries, being driven out of India by laws passed by graduates of our mission colleges! Such I think is not probable, but it is possible. One missionary speaker, a short time ago, said that we are sure only of the next six years in India."

At Home!

A correspondent of the *Palestine Review* writes: "One of the great attractions of Palestine is that you are with other Jews. When you go through the streets on a Saturday shops are closed; when you go through on Sunday they are open. In the bus you meet Jews; in the theater you sit next to Jews; in the café you eat with Jews; in the hospital you are with Jews. You do not have to be on your best behavior for fear of what the non-Jews will say.

"Then there are the marvelous nights with a million stars. There are ghosts everywhere of Abraham and Jacob, Isaiah and Jeremiah, Akiba and Bar Cochba. Every step tells a story,—Biblical, Talmudic, Medieval, Modern."

But nothing of Christ! He is the great Forgotten One.

And not merely forgotten. Dr. Christie writes in the *British Weekly* that "multitudes in Israel" are determined to blot out the geographical evidences of Christianity (in Palestine) and warnings have been given to "take away your dead Christ from our Land." The Sea of Galilee has been desecrated. No Jew has raised his voice to advocate Christian rights in the Holy Land. The German pietist colonies in Palestine have been threatened. "We will turn you out of Palestine as you are doing to us in Germany. Your fathers may have bought that land, but it is ours."

Brief Notes.—There have been recently found in two places in Pompeii Christian cryptograms, or secret writings, in which the words *Pater Noster* ("Our Father") occur twice in a cross-form arrangement. The Greek letters Alpha and Omega stand at the beginning and the end of the inscription. As Pompeii was destroyed in the year A. D. 79, this appears to be, according to Kaltenborn in the *Pastoralblaetter*, the earliest yet known original Christian document. . . . **M. Louis Germain, a convert from Romanism** and at present colporteur for the Grande Ligne Mission, walked 800 miles last summer in the Gaspe Peninsula, Maritime Canada, distributing 3,500 Gospels, 5,000 tracts, and 75 New Testaments—these last mostly on request. . . . **The Salvation Army is ever on hand** where need is greatest. In Shanghai they are running a huge mat-shed camp giving shelter to a thousand people. The China Inland Mission has summoned all its doctors on furlough to return to China to help meet the present appalling need. The Church Missionary Society hospital at Hangchow reports: "We are snowed under with wounded. It's a God-given time to carry on a witness of practical Christianity." . . . **Efforts are being made by** Joseph Lewis to bar the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Mr. Henry Ford gives this testimony: "All the sense of integrity, honor, and service I have in my heart I got from hearing the Bible read by a school teacher in the three years I went to a little, old-fashioned grammar school." . . . **Pastor Mariano Moreschino** of the Waldensian Church has been working about three years in Naples, during which time the morning congregations have doubled and the evening services for Roman Catholics are usually crowded. . . . **Henri Bergson,** Nobel Prize winner and Professor Philip Kohnstamm of the University of Amsterdam are mentioned as recent Jewish converts to Christianity. . . . **The Living Church** states that a great many objections were received against the singing of Luther's *"Ein feste Burg"* at the opening service of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. . . . **Among the boarding students in the Cuban Baptist International College** are two grandsons of a former President of Cuba and the great-grandsons of the Cuban patriot and first revolutionary leader, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes. . . . **Fifty-one per cent of all the Chinese college graduates** listed in the Chinese "Who's Who" come from mission colleges, and the percentage of those who now lead China and who were trained in these colleges, is still greater, possibly seventy per cent.

LESSON 3. APRIL 17. THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT (Easter)

International Uniform Lesson.—Acts 2:22-36

Golden Text.—This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.—Acts 2:32

KING JAMES VERSION

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face; for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

AMERICAN STANDARD VERSION

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by [1] mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as ye yourselves know; 23 him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye by the hand of [2] lawless men did crucify and slay: 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David saith concerning him,

[3] I beheld the Lord always before my face;
For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
Moreover my flesh also shall [4] dwell in hope:
27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul unto Hades,
Neither wilt thou give thy Holy One to see corruption.
28 Thou madest known unto me the ways of life;
Thou shalt make me full of gladness [5] with thy countenance.

29 Brethren, I may say unto you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us unto this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins [6] he would set *one* upon his throne; 31 he foreseeing *this* spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he left unto Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus did God raise up, [7] whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore [8] by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath poured forth this, which ye see and hear. 34 For David ascended not into the heavens: but he saith himself,

[9] The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
35 Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

36 Let [10] all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.

[1] Gr., *powers.* [2] Or, *men without the law.* See Rom 2:21. [3] Psa. 16:8ff. [4] Or, *tabernacle.* [5] Or, *in thy presence.* [6] Or, one *should sit.* [7] Or, *of whom.* [8] Or, *at.* [9] Psa. 110:1. [10] Or, *every house.*

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The Lesson as a Whole

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Approach to the Lesson

WE TURN from the contemplation of the Lord Jesus in his lowly service on earth to consider him as the Risen One, but serving still in the heavenly sanctuary.

The resurrection of Christ was the Father's expression of satisfaction in the work his Son so blessedly accomplished on the cross, when he gave himself a ransom for our sins. The sin question settled, God raised him from the dead and set him at his own right hand in the highest glory, exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour.

We need to remember that apart from his physical resurrection there was no proof that God had accepted his work as an atonement for our sins. But having been delivered up to death for our offences, he has been raised again for our justification. Some prefer to render this, "because of our justification." His death so fully met all the righteous claims of God's throne against our sins that now God has declared, by bringing him back from the dead, that sin is no longer a barrier to our complete justification.

The Historical Setting

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come" (Acts 2:1) gives us the occasion of Peter's great discourse. Pentecost was the annual feast of weeks, celebrated on the fiftieth day after the presentation of the first fruits, which took place in early spring. It was after the pouring out of the Holy Spirit that Peter was supernaturally empowered to deliver this discourse, which proved so wonderfully productive.

Verse by Verse

Acts 2:22.—*"Approved of God."* Peter proclaimed Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Saviour, whose claims were attested by the marvelous works that he wrought.

Verse 23.—*God's decree and man's will.* Note how both meet in the cross. God had decreed that salvation should come through the death of his Son, but it was man's malevolence that crucified and slew him.

Verse 24.—*"Loosed the pains of death."* When the atoning work was done, God raised up Christ, thus bearing witness to his satisfaction in his finished work.

Verse 25.—*David's prophecy.* In the Sixteenth Psalm we see the Lord Jesus Christ presented as the dependent, obedient man of faith, who went into death to do the Father's will, and came forth in triumph, to die no more. It was as man on earth that the Spirit of Christ in David uttered these words, "I foresaw Jehovah always before me." He lived his life in perfect confidence in and subjection to the Father.

Verse 26.—*"My flesh shall rest in hope."* He could contemplate death with equanimity, for he knew it would be powerless to hold him in its embrace.

Verse 27.—*"Soul in hell."* When the Lord Jesus Christ died, his body was put in the tomb, but not allowed to see corruption. His soul entered the unseen world. "Hell" is Sheol in the Hebrew, or Hades in the Greek, the abode of departed spirits. It does not necessarily refer to the place of torment. Both saved and lost entered Sheol, but to the one it was a place of rest, to the other of suffering, separated by "a great gulf" (Luke 16:26). Soul and body are reunited in resurrection.

Verse 28.—*"The ways of life."* Peter is still quoting from the Sixteenth Psalm. For Jesus Christ the ways, or path (see the Psalm), of life led through death up to the Father's house. Now his joy is full as he contemplates the effects of his work.

Verse 29.—*"Let me freely speak."* Peter now applies and explains the passage he has quoted. It could not refer

to David, for his body did see corruption. It was still in the tomb.

Verse 30.—*"Being a prophet."* In the Psalm David wrote as a prophet and spoke not of himself but of Christ, whom God would raise up to sit on his, that is, David's, throne (Luke 1:32).

Verse 31.—*"The resurrection of Christ."* Observe that everything depends on the fact of the physical resurrection of our blessed Lord. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17).

Verse 32.—*"This Jesus."* There was no change in his personality. The one who died was raised again. And some day "this same Jesus" shall return from Heaven (Acts 1:11).

Verse 33.—*"He hath shed forth this."* It was the risen and ascended Lord who sent the Holy Spirit. Imagine a mere man sending God the Spirit! As the Father sent the Son, so the Son sent the Spirit to bear witness in his name.

Verses 34, 35.—*"David is not ascended."* Ascension is physical. David was with Christ, but his body, as we have seen, was in the grave. Christ alone has ascended in the resurrection body. Elijah and Enoch were caught up or translated. Christ ascended of his own volition. In Heaven he sits as the Risen Man in his glorified body on the right hand of the Father (Psa. 110:1; Heb. 1:3; 10:12).

Verse 36.—*"Know assuredly."* The fulfillment of the prophetic word regarding his death and resurrection is the divine witness that Jesus is Lord and Christ. To confess this is the foundation of all blessing (Rom. 10:9, 10).

The Heart of the Lesson

The physical resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is fundamental. There is no room for human theories here. It is not merely a question of survival after death. It will not do to say, as one has done, that "the body of Jesus sleeps in a Syrian tomb, but his soul goes marching on." This is to deny his resurrection altogether. His soul was never dead. His body died, and it was his body that was raised again.

Note that the resurrection of Christ is ascribed to each person of the Trinity. All had part in that glorious work. The Lord Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days *I* will raise it up. . . . He spake of the temple of his body" (John 2:19, 21). He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father (Rom. 6:4; see also Heb. 13:20). And his resurrection is attributed to the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11). There is no contradiction. All is blessed harmony. The entire Godhead was concerned in the resurrection.

Lesson Outlines

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Prophesied by David (Psa. 16:10).

Predicted by Himself (Luke 24:6, 7).

Fulfilled (Matt. 28:6; Mark 16:6).

Literal (John 20:24-29).

THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION

Proof of God's Satisfaction (Phil. 2:9-11).

Evidence of our Justification (Rom. 4:25).

Firstfruits from the Dead (1 Cor. 15:20).

The Basis of our Confession (Rom. 10:9).

The Assurance of Judgment (Acts 17:31).

Special Lesson Topics and Truths

Peter's Sermon. It is interesting to note how Peter unfolded the Scriptures in his great sermon on the day of Pentecost. His forty days' association with the risen Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit had opened up the Word to his own soul and enabled him to preach it in power to others. Were there more real Bible preaching and less human theorizing, there would be greater results today.

Jesus Christ and the Resurrection. This was the great theme of all apostolic preaching. Christ crucified and risen from the dead formed the basis of every sermon recorded in the Book of Acts. It is a story that cannot be told too often.

Sheol and Hades. Scholars tell us that the Hebrew word "Sheol" is apparently derived from the verb *Sha'al*, to inquire. It is the place or condition of which we know nothing apart from divine revelation. Hades is the unseen. It is used in the New Testament to translate Sheol when Old Testament Scripture is quoted. To the Greek it was the abode of departed spirits, and Christ so uses it in Luke 16.

Practical and Personal Applications

God thinks everything of Jesus. Do we?

If still rejecting Christ, we are one with those who crucified him. Have we taken sides with him against the world that rejected him of old and rejects him still?

Have you considered the remarkable way in which the prophecies of Messiah were fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Have we confessed Christ as the risen One who died for our sins?

To believe in the heart is really to believe. Do we believe in the heart that God raised his Son from the dead?

Can we say with the Psalmist, "I have set the Lord always before me"?

Jesus was on earth the pattern man of faith. We are called to follow in his steps. Are we seeking to walk as he walked?

The risen Christ is ordained to be Judge of living and dead. Are we prepared to stand before him in that coming day?

Sentence Summaries of Lesson Truths

On Pentecost Peter did not occupy his hearers with the Holy Spirit's work but with the one whom the Spirit delights to glorify.

The cross is the fullest possible expression of Satanic malignity and the wickedness of man's heart, and it is the fullest possible unfolding of the infinite love of God to a sinful world.

Jesus is the pattern man of faith, who walked through this world in perfect subjection to the Father's will and implicit confidence in his love.

Some one has well said that "the strings of David's harp were the cords of the heart of Jesus."

The Sixteenth Psalm is the Holy Spirit's portrayal of the perfect One going into death in obedience to the Father's will, and coming forth from the tomb in the triumph of resurrection.

The throne of David is still vacant and will be until the second advent of our glorified Lord.

In Psalm 110 we see the risen Christ sitting on Jehovah's throne in Heaven.

The unchanging Christ is the one who was with the Father from all eternity, who became flesh, died for our sins, rose again in the very body that was crucified, ascended to Heaven, and is coming again in glory.

Peter addressed himself to the representatives of the house of Israel, for it was to them the resurrection message must first be proclaimed.

CHICAGO.

Lesson Calendar

The complete list of International Uniform Lessons for the year may be had from The Sunday School Times Company, 325 North Thirteenth Street, Philadelphia, at 10 cents a copy, or $1 a dozen.

3. April 17.—The Victorious Servant (Easter) ..... Acts 2:22-36
4. April 24.—Receiving Vision for Service ..... Mark 9:2-10
5. May 1.—Following Vision with Service ..... Mark 9:14-29
6. May 8.—Co-operating in Service. Mark 9:30-41
7. May 15.—Testing Discipleship by Service ..... Mark 10:17-31
8. May 22.—Serving through Christian Citizenship ..... Mark 12:13-17, 28-34
9. May 29.—Maintaining Personal Efficiency (A personal aspect of temperance). Daniel 1:8-16, 19, 20; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
10. June 5.—Serving by Personal Devotion to Christ ..... Mark 14:3-11, 27-31
11. June 12.—Facing the Supreme Test of Service ..... Mark 14:32-46

Questions for Teacher and Class

WHAT is it to be transfigured?

2. What was the transfiguration scene designed to teach?

3. What special places did Moses and Elias have in the divine economy?

4. What was Peter's blunder?

5. How did God meet it?

6. On what other occasion did the Father express his approval of his Son?

7. Why did Moses and Elias disappear?

8. Why did the Lord command the three disciples not to talk of what they had seen?

9. What was meant by "the rising from the dead"?

10. Why should this puzzle the disciples?

Answers to the Questions

The answers to the lesson questions are given on page 256 of this issue.

All the temporal blessings and accommodations He provides to sweeten life, and make our passage through this wilderness more agreeable, will fail and disappoint us, and produce us more thorns than roses, unless we can keep sight of His hand in bestowing them, and hold and use the gifts in some due subserviency to what we owe to the Giver.—John Newton.

The Illustration Round Table

ALL readers are invited to send illustrations for this department; one dollar is paid for each illustration accepted, and two dollars for the best one each week. But readers are urged not to send anything without first securing and reading carefully a leaflet explaining the conditions of this department. The full list of lessons for the year, with this leaflet, will be sent for ten cents in stamps. Failure to note the conditions means that good illustrations are constantly having to be rejected by the editors, which might otherwise be available.

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Preference will be given to illustrations on that portion of the lesson text indicated in the lesson list after the word "Print."

In view of the large number of illustrations submitted on each lesson, readers are asked to limit to six the total for any one lesson.

The Price Accepted.—*Whom God hath raised up* (Acts 2:24). In the market squares of the Orient, merchants display their articles for sale. The purchaser lays down the price beside something that he desires. The moment the merchant lifts the price, the sale is made. The act is an indication that the price lifted has been accepted. At the cross, Christ laid down his life. On the third day, God lifted the price. Thus it is that we can say in the words of another, "When Christ was crucified, the law was magnified, justice was satisfied, sin was nullified, God was glorified, and the sinner was justified."—*From The King's Business. Sent by Roger J. Wells, Mooers Forks, N. Y.*

The True Andrew Jackson.—*My flesh shall rest in hope* (v. 26). We hear much of "Jackson Day Dinners" these days, and appeals are made, in the name of "true Democracy," to the memory of Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States. Would that our President and the other leaders in our Government would take a leaf from Andrew Jackson's Christian faith, who wrote this as his own epitaph: "I have prepared an humble depository for my mortal body beside that wherein lies my beloved wife, where, without any pomp or parade, I have requested, when my God calls me to sleep with my fathers, to be laid; for both of us there to remain until the last trumpet sounds to call the dead to judgment, when we, I hope, shall rise together, clothed with that heavenly body promised to all who believe in our glorious Redeemer who died for us that we might live, and by whose atonement I hope for a blessed immortality."—*Sent by M. L. Haskell, State San., Norton, Kans.*

The Garden Tomb.—*Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption* (v. 27). When the Garden Tomb was discovered in 1885, the godly General Gordon was convinced that this was the place where the body of Jesus had lain. There is a traditional tomb inside the wall of modern Jerusalem, but no certainty attaches to the site. The Garden Tomb, hidden for centuries, was covered with rubbish twenty feet high. When they first cleared the spot, with great caution they gathered all the dust and debris within the tomb and carefully shipped it to the Scientific Association of Great Britain. Every part of it was analyzed, but there was no trace of human remains. If this is the real tomb of Christ, then Jesus was the first to be laid there and he was also the last.—*From The Alliance Weekly. Sent by M. H. James, Toronto, Can.*

Christ's Double Honor.—*That God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ* (v. 36). Let us suppose that the following incident takes place in the history of our country. A royal duke enters the army as a common soldier, and there he serves so faithfully and with such success that he is promoted through all the ranks until he finally becomes a general. He now has a double honor. By right of birth he is a royal duke. By merit he has earned the rank of general in his country's army. Now our Lord Jesus has a double glory. He has, as the eternal Son of God, a glory which can never fade and never change. But then he has a glory which belongs to his work as Redeemer. To redeem his people he "humbled himself." "Wherefore," says the apostle, "God also hath highly exalted him." Our Saviour did not earn the right to be called the Son of God. He was that from all eternity. The crowning mentioned here was subsequent to his sufferings and on account of them (Heb. 2:9).—*From the Irish Evangelical. Sent by Albert Mygatt, Henry, S. Dak. Prize illustration.*

The Meaning of Calvary.—*Jesus, whom ye have crucified* (v. 36). When Rabbi Duncan discoursed with his students on the crucifixion, he would rise from the professor's chair and walk up and down the platform saying words like these: "Aye, aye, d'ye know what it was—dying on the cross, forsaken by his Father? D'ye know what it was? What? It was damnation, and damnation taken lovingly."—*From the Expositor. Sent by E. M. James, Toronto, Can.*

Which Christ? — *God raised up* (Golden Text). A very learned man once said to a little girl who believed in the Lord Jesus: "My poor little girl, you don't know whom you believe in. There have been many christs. In which of them do you believe?" "I know which one I believe in," replied the child. "I believe in the Christ who rose from the dead."—*Sent by L. G. James, Toronto, Can.*

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From the Platform

By Philip E. Howard

A Prayer Before the Lesson.—We thank thee, our Father, that we have a living Lord at thy right hand, making intercession for us. We thank thee that his works while he was on earth show forth his deity. We know that if he had not been risen from the dead, our preaching would be empty. At the name of Jesus our hearts bow in humble adoration, and that same Jesus, who was crucified, dead, buried, and who rose again, thou hast made both Lord and Christ. It may be that some of us here today do not, as yet, accept him as Lord and Saviour, and still have no share in the resurrection life which he gives. We pray that at this Eastertime we may remember, not only the works of Jesus and his resurrection, but remember him in all his

beauty and power and grace. Our Father, may we be duly thankful today for the risen Lord, who ever liveth and who offers us life eternal. In his victorious name, we pray. Amen.

After the Lesson.—You have been studying today part of the greatest, and possibly the *very* greatest, sermon that has ever been preached, aside from the words of our Lord himself. You can hardly study this lesson at all, without seeing that it is a setting forth of the presence and power of Jesus of Nazareth. This has been the theme of great preachers all along through the years, and if it were not for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there would have been nothing more to preach about than men could just think of for themselves. Your teaching and mine today would not be any better than the teaching of worldly philosophers, who could give us no answer to the greatest questions of life here and life hereafter; nor could we, unless the Lord Jesus had risen from the dead, in proof that he had the keys of life and of death. What a wonderful Lord we have! Do you remember how many persons were converted on the day Peter preached this sermon? Yes, about three thousand. The great facts about our Lord Jesus are ever powerful in leading souls to him. Will you tell others about him during this coming week, beginning today? Let us pray.

THE GRACIOUS GLORIOUS LAD REDEEMER RESURRECTION REDEEMED

HE IS RISEN!

The Busy Men's Corner

By William H. Ridgway

The Modern Miracles.—*Whom God hath raised up* (Acts 2:24). Here I am on a Pennsy train in Northwest Pennsylvania, on my way to Niagara Falls for the convention of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. As I look out the car window I see the upper waters of the Susquehanna River rippling over the shallows on their way to Sunbury and Harrisburg and the Conowingo Dam Power Plant.

It ought to be pretty hard to believe that these waters bubbling along—if I was near I could hear it babble—will in a few hours be lighting my home and driving factories and trolley cars in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Every schoolboy knows that some power lifted that water out of the ocean, leaving the salt and the gold and the fishes behind, and dropped it in due course upon these Pennsylvania hillsides. And it will be done all over again in all the years to come as it has been a constant performance in all the years that have gone.

Now, my boy, while I don't know how you may feel about it, to a plain plug-average country man like me, the Great Power who can plan and hold in his hand a cycle like that for countless years will have no trouble in finding and lifting this old body of mine when it comes time to sound the trump "to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thess. 4:15-17).

Hell.—*Therefore did my heart rejoice . . . because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell* (vs. 26, 27). So, according to Holy Writ, there is a hell in which one's soul can be left—even though there are those who tell us there can be no such place,—that is to say, according to them, both the Old Testament and the New are not true in the matter of the existence of a hell.

Here are two of the best deliverances on the subject of hell that I have in my bag of illustrations. One is by Billy Sunday and the other by our foundry foreman Grier Hoskins.

The man cried: "Baloney! You talk about saving a man from hell. I don't believe there is a hell."

Billy gave the fellow his usual grin as he said: "Brother, if you believe there is no hell and I believe there is a hell, and when we both die there is no hell, you've got nothing on me. But, oh, boy! if it is true, and there is a hell, I have you beat to a frazzle! For Jesus saves me from it—but in you go!"

Both Billy and his critic are now gone, and they know. Let us hope the antiheller took Billy's suggestion and "played safe."

We were having outdoor evangelistic meetings on "The Bridge" at Rock Run. The top rail of the old bridge was a favorite roosting place for the Rock Run young men. That's why we set up our organ and service right there, in the hope of winning some.

We used lay speakers, and this day we had Grier Hoskins, our foundry foreman. He chose for his talk the incident of the Rich Man and Lazarus, in Luke 16:20-31. One of the men on the bridge rail sneeringly yelled,

"Say, Hoskins, where is this hell you are blathering about?"

"So you want to know, do you, Riley? All right, I'm the fellow who knows you and can tell you. Riley, you will find your hell *right at the end of your misspent life.*"

"Riley" (which was not his name) was found dead later upon a vacant lot in Coatesville.

The Jews.—*Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus . . . both Lord and Christ* (v. 36). All the house of Israel do not yet know this, but I have an idea of my own they might have come to know it years ago if those who bore the Christian name had practiced before them some of the goodness the Lord Jesus taught.

You may remember Spain gave the Jews but a few days to get out of the kingdom, bag, baggage, and babies. No ease up for sickness, or sale of property. One of the most heartless cruelties of history!

To the amazement of the whole world a modern nation claiming high intelligence and having produced many great men in art, science, and letters has produced a replica of the Spanish catastrophe.

With such Christian (?) exhibits you would hardly expect to see "Israel" fall on the neck of "Christianity" and weep the tears of the Prodigal!

Well, you know what happened to Spain after the Jewish expulsion just mentioned. Listen, "The fate of the Jews in Spain during the fifteenth century beggars description. Persecution, violent conversion, massacre, the tortures of the inquisition. Thousands were burned alive. . . . In 1492 Ferdinand and Isabella issued an edict of expulsion." The details of this persecution constitute one of the horrors of history.

So I say, what happened? Spain, which was the richest of all the European nations, with the ownership of the Americas, is today probably the lightest weight and least known of all the countries in Europe.

If you want to know something more about "Christian" persecution of the Jews, just turn to "Jews" in any good encyclopedia and you will have it. Then take your Bible and read what God has to say about it. Genesis 12:3; Numbers 24:9. Then take your atlas and see the Scripture fulfilled. Yes, if Christendom in the past centuries had been as England and America, the "House of Israel" might have known Jesus as Lord.

COATESVILLE, PA.

For Primary Teachers

By Ethel S. Low

How the Lesson is Taught This Week

Material: A lily or some other flowering bulb. A plant of the same kind in bloom. Use your cutout of Peter to introduce the lesson. An Easter card would be nice for each child's book.

YOU are all acquainted with Peter. Today we are studying a little bit of the greatest sermon Peter ever preached—on the day of Pentecost. Peter told the Jews about Christ being crucified, dead, and buried, and how he arose the third day, and had later ascended into Heaven, for you will remember that the day of Pentecost was after the ascension.

We have a day that we celebrate because Christ arose from the dead, and we call it Easter. I wonder if you know that we have one day every week that we celebrate because Christ arose. Every Sunday in the year is an Easter Day. Because Christ arose is the reason we keep Sunday instead of the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday.

Why do I have a lily here this morning? Because it is such a wonderful picture of the resurrection. Look at this bulb. Does it look alive, or dead? Dead, doesn't it? All brown, no sign of life. What happened to the bulb in this pot? Some one planted it in the ground, and after a while a green shoot came up, and then slowly the flower stalk grew, and then the flower as we see it, so beautiful.

But the old bulb is dead. If you dug down in the earth, you would find it had died as the plant grew.

So poor, dead bodies which we bury in the ground turn to dust, but when the Lord Jesus comes, we will each have a new body, a resurrection body that we

will live in forever, if we believe on the Lord Jesus.

But sometimes we plant bulbs, and not a thing happens. After we have waited a long, long time, and no green shoot comes up, we dig up the bulb to see what is the matter, and we find that it has no life in it; it will never grow, it is really dead. It is just like people who refuse to have the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They are dead in trespasses and sins. They have no eternal life. But they will be raised and cast out forever from God's presence.

Now the dead bulb cannot do a thing about it, but the person dead in sin can accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, believe in him, and be made alive: he will receive eternal life the moment he believes on Christ (John 3:36).

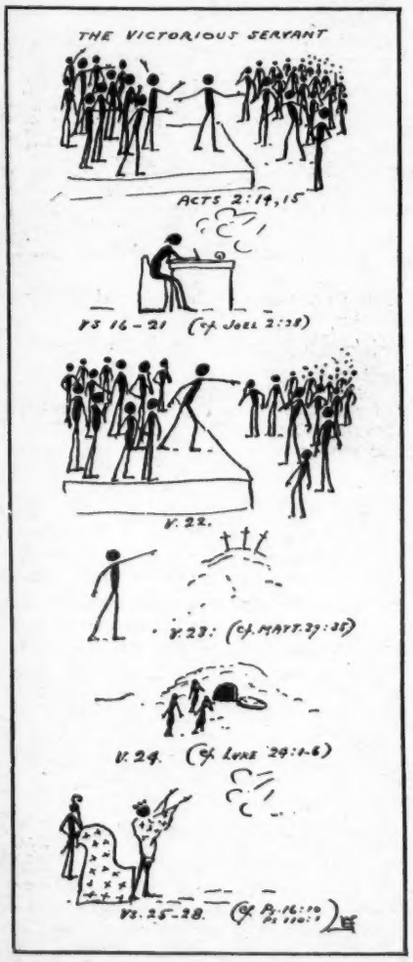
Oh, if one of you are dead like the poor dead bulb, won't you take Jesus Christ as your Saviour this very morning, and "come alive" in a moment? How awful if one of you should not have a resurrection body when the Lord Jesus Christ comes!

MODESTO, CALIF.

Little Jetts Teach the Lesson

By Wade C. Smith

Author of "The Little Jetts Telling Bible Stories"



Say, Fellows,—

Wade C. Smith's Boys' Class

How the Lesson is Taught This Week

Beginning: "Buck Up!"

Discussion: Some of the things that get a fellow down in the mouth. (Remember Jonah: he came out all right.)

Objective: Get going, and expect the Lord to fulfill all his wonderful promises.

SAY, fellows, "I think you have something there" with Peter this morning. Poor old Peter, weak as he was, impulsive as he was, continually getting "off sides" as he was, has been a help to me many times—he was so human and so much like us in his weaknesses. But today we see him riding the waves. We see him marching at the head of the column as a leader in the advancing, victorious army of the Lord. Quite a different picture from that of Luke 22:62—poor old sobbing Peter with his head between his knees.

And the help that comes to me from my friend Peter just now is in the magnificent way he "bucked up" when the worst had come to pass. His great Lord Jesus had been killed on Calvary. He whom Peter expected to follow to victory had been taken by his enemies and slain. Worse than that for Peter, he had denied his Lord, denied him with cursing, denied him three times in succession—and that, after the Lord had given him ample warning!

And now his Lord had gone back to the Father in Heaven. It looked as though Peter had thrown away his last glorious opportunity to serve that precious Master—whom he really loved with great devotion. That is the kind of mess that depresses a fellow and gets his face down on the ground. It makes him feel that he can never try again; that he might just as well give up and let the whole business go to the bow wows.

But if you had seen Peter and heard him that day at Pentecost, standing before a great throng of critics and enemies of his risen Lord, you would never have suspected him of despondency or of having a sense of failure. What a power he was! And the reason for it is that he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit gets into a fellow, things take their true form and their proper perspective.

It was so with Peter. His chin was lifted up and he was fearless as a lion. The Lord used him mightily that day, and continued to use him mightily to the end of his days.

Peter's tremendous statements at Pentecost were based upon the Scriptures. He knew the prophecies of Joel and of David and of Isaiah; he knew those prophecies had been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and with boldness he proclaimed the truth. "Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance."

I never see a bunch of boys but that I am pretty certain some of them are under a cloud, probably a cloud only known to themselves—and God. They have slipped. They have missed a fine opportunity, and made a mess of it. They have actually surprised themselves by the low level they have gotten down to. If you are one of these, I say to you in the presence of Peter's example, "Buck up!" There is something yet to do. Rise out of it, and get going. I have just read in a little book this stirring sentence: "Never let the sense of failure corrupt your new action." There is something in the past that caused you to despair. Do not think about that now; there is action ahead. "Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ, and go out into the irresistible future with Him."

Fellows, some of the grandest achievements have risen out of the most inglorious failures—or tragic misfortunes. Maybe you will thank the Lord some day for a disaster you never would have chosen.

WELAKA, FLA.

My Class of Girls

By Beatrice E. Borchardt

How the Lesson is Taught This Week

Goal.—To enlist the girls in the service of the victorious Christ.

Activity.—Make an upper room for the cardboard house which the class constructed for the lesson of January 30. The class might carry the message of the living Christ in song to a hospital or private home where people are unable to attend services.

Memory Verse.—"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Rev. 1:18a).

GIRLS, how many people do you know who are floundering about in life, seeking fame or good luck; hunting for something that will satisfy them and give them a thrill? At the same time they are rejecting the victorious adventures they could enjoy through the power of the living Christ whose resurrection we commemorate today. Has anyone ever found complete satisfaction in the things that the world alone has to offer? Think of some of your acquaintances. Because they are lively and hilarious they appear to be happy, but how much of that pep is merely bluff to cover the hurts and disappointments in their hearts and the restlessness of their spirits? How can you help them to find the peace and joy that come from knowing the risen Lord?

Today we are going to study how Peter and the other disciples were prepared to start on careers of glorious adventure for the Lord Jesus Christ. But first let us look at the background of our lesson. (Each of the following points in the experience of Peter may be listed on the blackboard as they are briefly and vividly reviewed.)

1. In the last lesson Peter confessed Christ; yet he was unwilling to accept the news of the Saviour's sacrifice (Mark 8:29-32).

2. Peter followed "afar off" (Mark 14:54).

3. Peter denied Christ to save himself, and was later overcome with grief (Matt. 26:74, 75).

4. Peter was comforted by a personal

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message sent from the risen Lord (Mark 16:7).

5. Peter received a personal commission for service (John 21:15-17).

(Read the lesson text.)

Here we learn how a man with a background of defeat was given power for victory.

Shall we look, in imagination, upon the small group of Christ's followers gathered in the upper room of a house in Jerusalem? (The girls may make the upper room which represents prayer and power for victorious living.) Just before the Lord ascended into Heaven he told the disciples to *wait* for the power of the Holy Spirit before they started their active service for him. For nine days they had been waiting together. Can you guess the subject of their conversation during those days? What a wonderful series of testimony meetings they must have had! Each individual, and there were one hundred and twenty of them, must have told the story of the change that had come into his or her life through the love of the Saviour. Don't you believe that Peter was overflowing with praise for his Lord who would love and forgive even a slacker like himself? How the hearts of this little company must have swelled in adoration for Christ as the messages continued!

At last, on that memorable tenth day of waiting, the Holy Spirit came upon the group in a most spectacular manner. We may not understand all the details, but we know the effect these Spirit-filled people have had upon the history of the world since that time. These followers of Christ attracted immediate attention, for learning in those days was not as readily available as it is in most places today, and the crowds were dumfounded and amazed at the marvelous demonstration of power they witnessed. Simple, ignorant men had suddenly become miracle workers, healers, preachers, teachers. How could this be?

There was only one answer. God had poured out his Spirit and was showing wonders. How, otherwise, could a common fisherman preach a sermon that would start three thousand people on an entirely new program for their lives?

You can discover the whole Gospel in the wonderful sermon of Peter. 1. Prophecy was fulfilled (vs. 16, 30). 2. Salvation was provided (v. 21). 3. Jesus of Nazareth had lived on earth as a victorious man (v. 22). 4. According to the foreknowledge of God, Jesus was crucified (v. 23; Rev. 13:8). 5. Christ arose from the dead (v. 24). 6. Christ came from royal lineage (v. 30). 7. The Holy Spirit had come into men's lives (v. 33). 8. Christ Jesus had ascended into Heaven (v. 34), and it was through the power of the ascended Lord that Peter spoke.

Shall we examine our own lives and see where, in the experiences of Peter, our own would fit? (Study with the girls a personal application of the blackboard outline, or make copies of the following questions and pass them for individual checking.)

1. Have you accepted for yourself the sacrifice of the Saviour? (Gal. 2:20.)

2. If so, do you follow "afar off" or do

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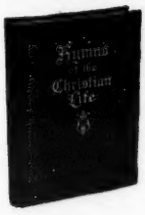

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This Week's Questions Answered

(The questions are on page 251)

1. It is to be changed from within.
2. The certainty and character of the coming Kingdom.
3. Moses stands for the law of God; Elias for prophetic testimony.
4. He seemed to put others on the level with Christ.
5. By fixing attention upon Jesus Christ only.
6. At Christ's baptism.
7. Because Christ must ever be pre-eminent.
8. The vision involved his rejection by Israel, and they were still on probation.
9. A resurrection out of or from among the dead.
10. They only knew of the final resurrection of the dead.

Children at Home

Dao's Easter Feast

Founded on fact

By Amelia O. Stott

"*VEO - WEH - NYIH* ('Living-Again-Day') will soon be here," said Elder Wong of the little Chinese church in Spring Valley village. "I-yah! it is such a bitter bad time for us all in our poor country, that I don't think we can keep it as usual; there's no money for a feast, nor the children's eggs and sweets to take to the hills on the holiday afterward."

"Oh! Father," said his twelve-year-old son Dao. "That is truly pitiful. Don't you remember what Ah-Ling, the pastor's firstborn, said when the wicked soldiers had raided our village a year ago and killed his parents, because they were 'Jesus believers'? 'You can put an end to us all,' he said, 'but you cannot put an end to *Cu Yia-su* ("Lord Jesus"),' and because of that they shot him. But truly we ought to rejoice because He is alive for evermore, as Ah-Ling declared."

"Truly, my son," said his father, "I never can forget our good friends nor their brave son, but things are so bad now everywhere, and with this war, we are plucked bare like chickens for market. There is not a cash for anything extra."

Dao said no more, but he resolved with God's help to try to keep his hero friend from "losing face," for Ah-Ling, he felt, would be sure to know if they did not rejoice in keeping the "Living-Again-Day" festival, just as when he and his parents were with them.

Every one in the village seemed so discouraged. The little church was nearly empty, and the few Christians were weighed down with their country's woes.

"We must just show them that no one can put an end to Jesus," thought Dao. "We must make people know that we believe he is *alive* for evermore. The Holy Book says so, and it is true."

Dao began to pray very hard. It was just three weeks to *Veo-Weh-Nyih*, and

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as this is the time in China when the "Opening-Door-of-Spring" is celebrated, he knew how the unbelievers would mock at the Christians: "We, too, are very poor," they would say, "but we cook all sorts of rich food to take to the hills to worship our ancestors and welcome the spring, and whoever does not have a feast in his house swallows shame."

Dao was a bright boy with plenty of grit, so he thought hard about what he could do. But it seemed impossible to earn any money. His father said two dollars at least was needed for any sort of feast, and the *Kao-in* ("Church-of-Jesus-friends") had not a cash to spare.

Dao felt that since the Chinese consider their spring festival so important, it was a terrible pity for the Christians to give up their most important "Feast-of-Joy" about the same time.

As he was passing down the village street one morning he saw old Mr. Ling, who owned a bath and hot water shop, throwing out a quantity of smoldering charcoal ashes. Suddenly an idea struck Dao and he stopped, and after a polite greeting he asked if he might remove the heap of ashes.

The old man stared at him. "Truly," he said, "that lazy, useless fellow has not appeared this morning to buy them. To make him 'lose face,' if you keep the place swept regularly and the bath house clean, you can have them, boy." Dao was delighted and arrived home with a good load of charcoal ashes in two battered kerosene cans.

"See," he said to his astonished parents. "I am going to make rice-flour biscuits to sell to get money for our *Veo-Weh-Nyih* feast. My mother will help me, I know, and when I have cleaned up Mr. Ling's place I will go out and find 'buy guests' in the villages."

And Dao would let nothing and no one hinder him in his job, though it was not a very paying one, since sixteen of his small biscuits were sold for less than a cent. Still he persevered, but when Easter was only a week away he still had less than a dollar.

One day before Easter two foreigners came riding through the village. They saw the boy with his wooden tray of biscuits and, being hungry, they stopped. Their Chinese servant in a second had cleared Dao's tray, while one of the foreigners flung him a dollar. Dao stared at the big silver coin in joy and astonishment, — he could hardly believe his eyes!

"Oh!" he cried as the horses swept away out of sight. "We've enough now for the 'Living-Again-Day' feast. God has heard my prayer, and Ah-Ling's words *are* shown to be true. You can't put an end to *Cu-Yia-su*, for He lives to hear and help us."

When he rushed home his father was much cheered, as now they could manage a fairly good feast, and at any rate the neighbors would have less cause to scoff at the lack of all celebration of their "Day of Rejoicing."

Oh! how happy Dao felt! It seemed as if a bright star of hope had shone right out of the darkness of the evil days that had come down upon China.

His father took courage, and so did the little band of *Kao-in*, for they, too, felt that the last words of the brave son of the martyred pastor had been right, — "You can put an end to every one, but you can never put an end to Jesus Christ." So they joyfully kept Easter day in that distant Chinese village, and the happiest one of all was a small boy who had the faith and courage to enable them to do so.

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Girls' Problems of Today

Discussed by Mother Ruth

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Dear Mother Ruth: Being a Sunday school superintendent, I read nearly everything in the Times as soon as received, not excepting your discussion of girls' problems. I have been much pleased with the tact with which you handle these questions. In the issue of January 8 you discussed "swimming." This gave me the idea that you could help me solve a problem that has had a bearing on the Sunday school.

As I stand up before the Sunday school for the opening exercises, the young women, ages twelve to twenty, sit facing the front on the right. The boys are on the left. Many of **the girls wear short socks, and skirts that come above the knees** as they sit. I feel that it creates an atmosphere which is not conducive to worship such as we wish to prevail in the Sunday school. These youngsters come from average American homes, but pagan. Their parents with few exceptions are not interested in the church and do not attend. I suppose if I were a missionary in the center of Africa I would think nothing of it. However, I cannot help wishing that when young women go to church with short skirts they would be otherwise properly clad and covered. If there is a suggestion for this difficulty it will be thankfully received.—X. X.

MY DEAR SUPERINTENDENT: It is a matter of rejoicing with me that you have found this column for problems of the young and old of benefit, and it is always a help for us to confer together on these matters that are aiding the work of the Adversary and also proving a hindrance to the work of the Master. It is not surprising that these details stand out, as you seek to use your influence for righteousness.

I feel many times we might turn the

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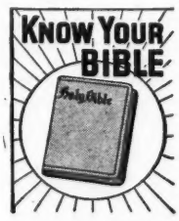

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Notice the completeness of the victory he won. It was a victory over *death.* As Paul puts it in 1 Corinthians 15:54, "Death is swallowed up in victory." Not only did the Lord Jesus himself come forth triumphant from the portals of death, but he won deliverance for all who trust in him. "Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:21, 22).

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus was a victory over the *grave.* Not only did the Lord Jesus come forth as a personality, but he brought forth with him the very body that was laid in the tomb. He invited his disciples to touch him and satisfy themselves that he was not merely a wraith or a spirit. He was recognizable, and his body bore the prints of the nails and of the spear that had been used on Calvary.

And because we shall be like him when we see him, we know that these bodies of ours will also be raised to new life and new powers. Job apprehended this truth long, long ago when he said, "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:26).

The victory of the Lord Jesus was a victory over *sin.* He triumphed not only over the final result of sin which is death, and over all the power of sin. It was because of this triumph that Paul could write, "Sin shall not have dominion over you" (Rom. 6:14); "that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

The victory of the Lord Jesus brings a victory over *doubt* for all believers. It removes all uncertainty as to the future life. Satan's lies that there is nothing beyond the grave and that death ends all cannot disturb those who will put their trust in Christ. Instead, there is the triumphant shout echoed by the apostle Paul, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12).

The victory of the Lord Jesus was a victory over *fear* for all mankind. Listen to his comforting words, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

The victory of the Lord Jesus means to us a victory over *circumstances.* It vindicated his teaching concerning God's love and care for his children. Since God has gone to such a length to provide for our redemption through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, it is unthinkable that he should leave us to get along as best we can in this life. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32.) "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

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Truly this was a glorious victory that the Lord Jesus won over sin and death and doubt and fear and weakness, but it is also a victory made possible by each one of us. "Thanks be to God, which giveth *us* the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). Is it experimentally yours today?

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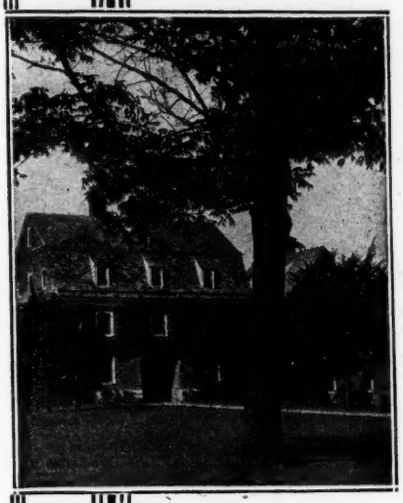

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The Last Enemy

(An editorial, from the second page)

policeman's back was broken. He was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he was visited by a medical student. As the man was paralyzed from the neck downward, the student knew he could not live more than a few hours and felt it his duty to prepare him for his end. But never having faced such a situation before, he found it most difficult to say anything. While he was fumbling for words the sergeant smiled and said, "Have you never read those words, 'For to me to live is Christ, and to

die is gain'?" The dying saint, as well as the Christian who, though enjoying health, knows that life is uncertain, can sing with confidence and joy:

"Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can no longer, Death, appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us
Hallelujah!"

A Revival in a Great Industrial Plant

(*Continued from page 247*)

he, too, might know the joy and peace of sins forgiven to be remembered no more.

A foreman who had been absent for a week said on his return, "I hadn't been back but thirty minutes until I knew something had hit this plant."

One of the best known men in the plant, and one of the hardest to approach, was the Night Superintendent of the machine shop. Deep conviction came upon him, and for days he struggled under the burden, but just couldn't let go. One night one of his foremen saw him coming out of Mr. Reynold's office and immediately asked, "Did so and so accept the Lord as his Saviour?" "Why do you ask?" was the reply.

Then came the answer, "I saw such a smile on his face that I knew he had." And the foreman was right.

One lad who had such a terrific struggle to be delivered from cigarettes said: "I put a Gospel of John in my pocket where I had carried my cigarettes. When I had an impulse to reach for a cigarette I would just go ahead and reach and then read a verse instead."

The wife of one of our foremen said, with tears streaming down her cheeks, "I will never cease to praise God for what he has done for our home." Incidentally she was not a Christian before, and her husband was profane, drank heavily, and smoked cigarettes continually. He has been gloriously delivered from them all, and has a ringing testimony.

A man who was a backslider, after talking to Mr. Reynolds, found his way back to God. When he returned to his machine he handed his tobacco to a man working near him, telling him what had happened and that he wouldn't need it any more. About a half hour later the man to whom he handed the tobacco decided that if Christianity could do that for a man, he wanted it too; and so he stopped his machine and went over to the little steel house to discuss the matter with Brother Reynolds, and he, too, accepted Christ as his Saviour.

I am only repeating what has been said by many different men throughout the shop when I say the whole atmosphere of the plant has been changed. Deliverance from every type of bad habit is a common testimony. Prayer lists have been made, and one by one the names have been marked off as prayers have been answered. The thing that impresses me most is the genuineness of the transformations. A young man to whom I have spoken from time to time over the past year came into my office one day, and I surprised myself by saying to him at the start, "Be sure not to take a stand until you have fully counted the cost and you are sure you know what you are doing." He went back to his lathe, and in an hour he returned.

He sat on the corner of my desk and said: "Ralph, I have something I must tell you. After going back to my work a while ago, I broke out into a cold sweat, then a feeling of weakness came over me. I reached for my tobacco, but I couldn't put it into my mouth."

I said to him, "Are you ready to go all the way, Bill?"

He hastened to reply, "Yes, Ralph, I am ready to go all the way."

Some one made the remark that men were taking a stand as a basis for job insurance. Another man turned to him and named half a dozen leading foremen who had stepped out for God, and said, "Could you imagine any one of those fellows making such a false profession? Not on your life," he continued, "they

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are just not that type of men." And the man who had made the remark had to admit that the other was right.

Last week a group of some twenty women,—wives of men in the plant who are interested in winning others,—met and organized a permanent prayer group to meet once a week in various homes of an afternoon, and an invitation was extended to the wives of the men in the plant to join their group. It is really a companion group to the Fisherman's Club organized by Mr. Reynolds among the men. A weekly Wednesday night prayer meeting for everybody interested has also been arranged.

So many requests have come for a church to be organized among the employees that on Sunday, January 23, a number of them rented the American Legion Hall for Sunday school and church in the morning and at four o'clock in the afternoon for a vesper service followed by a regular church service. The following Sunday the group met again in a similar way, but their number had greatly increased. The vesper service was given over to testimony, prayer, and song, but the power of God was so in evidence that the testimony meeting carried over through the preaching hour, and closed with a service of consecration and full surrender of lives to God.

Following this evening service Mr. Reynolds boarded the train for California to minister for several weeks to the church of which he is pastor, and he graciously promised, God willing, to return and spend several weeks more in shepherding the little flock and spreading the table afresh with the same wholesome food out of God's Word.

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Girls' Problems of Today

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current of thoughtlessness and immodesty if we would take our stand against the vulgarity and exposure so prevalent on every side. But we endure and pay no attention to much of it, and the increase is very apparent, until much has become shocking to the sensitiveness of the clean-minded girls and boys, and men and women.

There is a suggestion I want to give you, which will help you, in your school, and others who have met the same condition in other schools and in the home and public places where it is so common. Have you a mothers' class in your church? Where there are such classes, I find the discussions are very helpful to the mothers who have the responsibility for the dressing of the girls.

Even though many in the Sunday school may come from homes which are not represented in the church, yet it brings to the attention of these Christian mothers the great responsibility which is theirs. If you can make people *think*, you have accomplished much. It is so natural for children to want to do just what the other girl or boy does, that if you can get mothers to see where all this immodesty leads, it may be you will cause an awakening among those who are the powers for righteousness.

Certainly this downward trend is telling in the life of the nation in results that are chronicled daily in our newspapers. Innocence seems to be asleep, and the Adversary has great success in keeping her there, while he is reaping the appalling results.

Back to the home should be our earnest effort, to have it care for the civilization of the coming generation, while the church is the leading instrument and influence that cares for the soul, and that can bring humanity face to face with God.

Do not give up your desire to see conditions improved, but, after thought and prayer, see if you can awaken in the mother hearts a desire for the best things in purity and virtue for the children.

Perhaps God can lead one of the women teachers to help you, one who will appreciate the existing circumstances and be willing to be led of God to do service in this direction. If our Sunday schools fail us, we are doomed. So do try to have something started for the protection of the youth.

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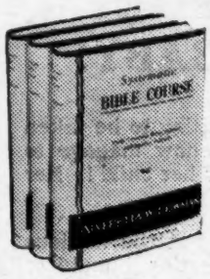

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Tues.—Acts 2:33-36. The Exalted Servant.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." This declaration at Pentecost melted hard hearts and converted thousands. What will be the effect in Israel when they actually shall look on him whom they have pierced? The nation will be born in a day. This will constitute the greatest miracle in Israelitish history. Every tongue will eventually "confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11). *Pray for Arabia which still says to the Christian world, "Hands off!"*

Wed.—Isaiah 53:7-12. The Victory Foretold.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." Maternal sorrows have their complement of joy. Christ shall have satisfactions befitting his dying sorrows. He "shall be satisfied." The glorious fruits of his afflictions appear in the salvation, service, and rewards of believers. Suffering saints find that pain for Christ is sweet, and will be amply rewarded. *Pray for South America.*

Thurs.—Acts 1:6-9. The Victory Witnessed.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "We are his witnesses" (Acts 5:32). The testimony of eye-witnesses, true to the facts, faithfully given, is that which the apostles give concerning the resurrection of Christ. What they had seen and heard and handled they related at great cost to themselves. The men who had witnessed our Lord's humiliation actually saw his exaltation. Ultimately we, too, shall be among "the great crowd of witnesses" observing consummating triumphs of Christ. *Pray for Turkey.*

Fri.—1 Corinthians 15:19-26. Man's Fairest Hope.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "The hope and resurrection of the dead" (Acts 23:6). The resurrection of the body in the very likeness of Christ is the Christian's fairest hope. Job's question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" has for the Christian an affirmative answer. "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). Death defeated, the grave spoiled at the coming of Christ is the believer's fairest hope. *Pray for Afghanistan Moslems. They still exclude the Christian missionary.*

Sat.—Colossians 3:1-7. "Risen with Christ."

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Identification with Christ in death, burial, and resurrection demands accompanying heavenly aims. A life comparable to one's exalted standing in Christ is the worthy complement of his saving grace. Newness of life befits the believer's risen

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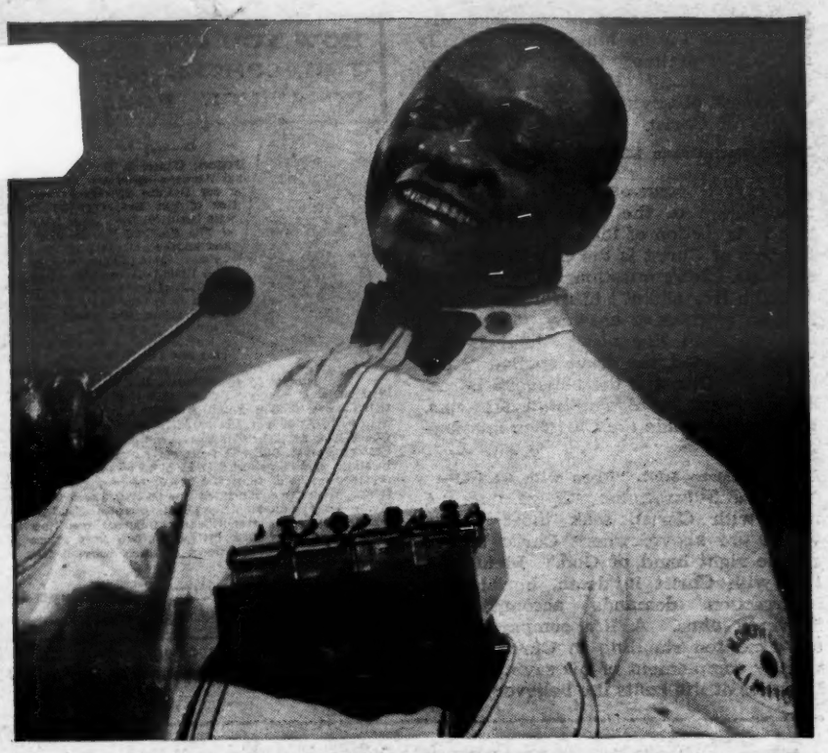

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